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ONLY A HALF-DONE JOB.

fight, showing the white feather

and Mr. Cannon has used his authority an outstretched arm: he has deion of Congress growing a little collected all the figures he of the powers given to him eide cannot be determined his dismissal from office in deserved had not been largely personal this State. the disappointed and | West Virginia. with knives in their hands and an election for Speaker, the

worthy of public trust as the Czar and is the real issue. ils allies-rather less to be trusted, inleed, as, while pretending to be much ies of the people threatened by the tepublican majority in the House have frected them to vote, and particularly nd sectional interests. That the Demcrats who fought with them last weel o not trust them or their party, and annot trust them, Mr. Clark made very lear when he said, after the battle aturday, "had the Insurgent Republilare the chair vecant and to elect peaker, Cannonism, with all that the ame implies, would have been as dead s it is, the issue of Cannonism sur- | might be caught in the North. ives in full force, for, as sure as a majority of the next House, Mr. peaker. . . . We have in this vicscotched Cannonism, not illed it, and the net result is that the sople, if they really desire to do away ith Cannonism, must do so by electing Democratic House," In that event, swever, if there should be a considable minority of Republicans in the ouse, it might be found that the me Rules of the House which have sulted in cutting Cannon's claws ould be of the same sort of advantage Speaker Clark, or some other white an who might be elected to that of-

Nobody knows what the new Comittee on Rules will do. It will be comsed, of course, of a majority of Repubans, and while its work may result is not unlikely that they will at ford where there is no law,

the Omes (See Dispaich the same time make desirable legislathe same time make desirable legisladepend also upon how these rules shall One Six Three One gion of Insurgent mercenaries. POSTAGE PAID. Year. Mos. Mos. Mo Cannon has done enough to make him Daily with Sunday \$6.00 \$1.50 .55 worthy of political death; but he of the whole outfit if the country is vice in Richmond (and suburbs), Manches- ever to be legislated for in the coun-

The Rules of the House much discussed since 1839, when without Sunday 10 cents Thomas Brackett Reed, of Maine, upset

He defied the House to put Bryan. So far as we recollect, not on ot complete their work, Mr. aliegiance to that party. According to Mr. Clark, Cannonism is not dead, but only scotched, and Cannonism is Republicanism. It is a hard thing to say but it is true.

THE REAL QUESTION IN THE DEBT

Mr. Littlefield filed his report on the debt case several days ago, but he the declined to say what the report meant. rsonal friend or his partisan the long document. The Special Master answered all the questions he was which ought to have resulted in the 200 pages of the report in the light

Reports from Washington 1 vague information that Mr. Littlefield gives Virginia the best of the dispute fence to many of the members of his papers tell us that West Virginia may have to pay up. Many disputed debts Vorris to do the other, and so it kind of debts-are charged against

ginia.. If the report is as favorable as

On its face, of course, the question exercised about the peril to the liber- the right to hear the case, then the court logically has the right to decide tules of the House, they have almost the case, and the right to enforce its nvariably voted as the Speaker and the verdict. Yet this logic does not work in every case. By one of those curious freaks of law, it sometimes happen pon all questions affecting partisan that a court has the right, under the Constitution, to make a ruling, but has not the power, under statute law, to enforce its ruling.

The old fugitive slave cases Illus trated this collapse of the courts. The Constitution authorized the Federal Government to pass laws for the re turn of runaway negroes. Congress the right to hear all cases dealing s the men who lived before the flood, with the return of the negroes who when the matter was tested in Pennun is iron, if the Republicans elect sylvania, the courts found that they had no power to enforce the law of peaker Cannon will be re-elected Congress against the State authorities of Pennsylvania,

This may prove to be the case when judgment is to be executed or ought The Supreme Court has original juris a State," but where will the court get its authority to execute judgmen against a sovereign State? It has no such, power under any known law of Congress, and it has no right other than that of jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution.

The lawyers in the case have thus far avoided this question on the general principle that they should not cross the bridge until they come to it. They are close to it now, and it is time they were finding out how to get across. In the meantime, the certifithe adoption of rules which will cate holders will have to wait in pawe the members of Congress a freer tience, relying on the Federal courts, tht of discussion, a right of which according to their wont, to build a cy should never have been deprived, bridge where one is shaky or else to

in Virginia from those unfortunates time husband. of the lake.

have a good idea. Sometimes they have an idea so good that we can afford to copy it. They have such first edition is sold. an idea now, and it should be the land.

them were making supplies enough to The fire insurance companiesknow, that the making of gardens in

League. We commend it to anybody

everybody who wants to see a

healthier, wealthier Richmond, story of his marriages, his divorces and the whys and the wherefores of

We have not read the book and do not propose to, inasmuch as we are not in the slightest concerned about why he did such things. We ported in the papers, and particularly at this little digest of his marital exis a very simple one. If the court has periences, which Nat gives as a preface to his detailed experience; "Eliza Weathersby married me for

"Mrs. Nella Baker Pease to get out of the vortex of society into the ar-tistic life of Bohemia, "Maxine Elliot was prompted by

ambilion.
"Edna Goodrich-well, because I

innt bore her."
"My first wife was an angel,
"My second a silly fool,
"My third a 'Roman senator,"
"My fourth makes me superlatively
appy."

Barring the last of the quartette, whose particular faults or virtues Mr. Goodwin does not describe, this list is suggestive. An angel, "a silly fool"-so Nat calls her-and a "Roman Yet, nation of women for one man to marry, It is conceivable how a man who married an angel might, according to himself, later marry a fool, provided she also were an angel, but it is hardly imaginable how he could yoke himself to "a Roman Senator" after some years of married bliss with the two Who preceded Miss Elliot. The "angel" might and doubtless could with prodiction in "a suit of a State against pricty improve Nat's ways; the so called "silly fool" might, by contrast, turn his Thespian mind to serious things, but wherein could he be bene fited by contact with the Senator? Of

> lawless ways of Nat. There is another way of looking at the matter, which may be as discreditable to Nat as his frank portrayal of his former wives' faults may be uncomplimentary to them. What did the three women think of Nat? If he held one of them as an angel, did she regard him of the same class? If one was, in his judgment, a "silly fool," was he, to her eyes, a Solomon, And

course, it was manifestly impossible

for her or for any one else to curb the

him as distinctly plebelan? We would dreamed of. It is contrary to what

is a sorry one. By what right does We have nothing in the world against any man, no matter what his talents Mrs. Green. If she want to keep her to the public. Even a society which prone to contract debts. It she really

former wives will have their inning, has happened to Mrs. Green. Has she sometimes, however, the Chicago and they will doubtless answer all the been decaying the public for years people or some people in Chicago questions which arise in the public with a false view of her real humanity mind as to what they thought and think Has she been storing up money in or

THE FIRE INSURANCE SCANDAL. Fown, that they had a lot of poor peo- York fire insurance scandal will be sur-

The people tion and deceit may all be below the the land. Then some bright man had Hotchkiss has cut, The people know the idea that the city could care for the story. They are familiar with the its poor by having the poor care for methods of previous lobbles in Albany They are familiar with the general

n the Republican ring. The companies with money. They have learned that where fair means will not suffice, foul cerns, with large resources and with every reason to cut off dangerous leg-

least those of them which are of the New York lobby-are to blame sort, and many of them, in all the for this, but they are no more to blame years of the fearful penalties we have were not men in New York politics That may be; but we prefer to think to spend money on them and no effort

bad men out of any Legislature, especonsequently it will never be possible are, and not as they ought to be. Its to take the corporations, great and small, out of politics, and to punish every man whose corruption can be

ture. The people did not succeed in trative boards which cannot be influenced in any way by any man. It the faint, sweet poetry of a youth which behind the bars for the general welfare of the community.

In this particular case Governor Hughes may be expected to do his duty. He is not afraid. He is not grinding old wounds. a particular fondness for investigat- to heart. The moon in Richmond, the ing, and his hobby is to look into insurance companies. When he and Commissioner Hotchkiss have finished their work we predict that some poliicians will remember it.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

Some traveler has dubbed the Pan world, and is journeying about with a defeat of Cannon. lantern and slides telling the people credit for it? H lantern and slides telling the people all about it. The man doubtless thinks Speaker were at daggers' points? a tremendous work. It crosses a rough country and pierces steep hills. It has already cost the American public champ Clark over-played his hand in a great deal of money, and it has cost some statesmen a great deal of worry On the strength of this we should have been perfectly willing to accept the eighth wonder, but for an item in the news of the day. This, if true, knocks the props from under the canal and gives us the real sensation of the gen-

eration. Not to arouse too great curiosity, the new wonder may be put in a very few words Mrs. Hetty Green is said to intend giving property worth \$500,000 to Green, it must be remembered, has not nouncement comes from the Papal Countess Annie Leary, who is working \$55 for the proposed university. We trust Mrs. Leary to know what she is talk-

If it be true, this news is really the eighth wonder of the world, fit to rank was he, to her eyes, a Solomon. And eighth wonder of the world, fit to rank a long journey to sea. Hains, Hains, if he held the heautiful Maxine Ellict with those of the ancient world. Such Strange we cannot recall the name. to be a Roman Senator, did she regard & thing has never been thought of or Who was he, anyway?

welcome their opinions or their one- everybody has been believing and saying about Mrs. Green for two genera-

We are wondering, however, He will be sorry before his der that she may spend it freely and ter-day wonder. We trust that Mrs. not a half a million, but five million. doubting? Countess Leary has said so, and she ought to know,

WHAT THE PAPERS THINK.

The Staunton Dally Leader, refer-Charleston and Richmond, wants to know whether or not the brilliancy with which fair Luna shone in the South Carolina metropolis fifty years South Carolinians to bring on that terrible muss." What "terrible muss?" There has been no "muss" in this results of the "muss" have we no and Joseph G. Cannon for Speaker? Wasn't the fight worth making for these and other blessings of the same been paying for the privilege of being

the Abingdon Virginian says that "Mr. Noel was too anxious, along with others, to do something to discredit do as nearly as he could what, for the State for him to do. He made a sad mistake, was entirely wrong in his view in this matter (the Catawba only by political and partisan con-siderations. He failed utterly to establish his position, and that ought to be disappointment enough for without suggesting that he was controlled by unworthy motives.

What does the Norfolk Landmark really think about the North Carolina view of Andy Jackson? tinent things; now what does it reall; Is it fer him or agin him? He said that he was a native of South Carolina. Will the Landmark deny

A correspondent writing from Bos ton wants to know whether or not Mars is inhabited. He is not quite sure about it; neither are we. We should say, however, that a man who to immigrate to almost any other worlds to come just for the sake of it ought to be, and in the end will be, as in the general scheme of crea-

Thus saith the Wilmington Morning Star, simply because we wrote last week a feeble tribute to the moon in Richmond, and that without the least thought of opening afresh anybody's Really the Wilmington any political axe. Then, too, he has paper has taken the matter too much fuller she gets, the more she shines.

"Let the rifrast bathe," exclaims the New York Tribune. The suggestion is commended to the attention of the nunicipal authorities of Savannah Georgia.

According to the New York Tribune. ama Canal the eighth wonder of the Mr. Taft is not ready to discuss the Haven't all the papers been saying that the President and the

> One of the bright young men in this office, and it is full of that sort and the fight against the Speaker.

Besides, what good would it do Champ Clark to be Speaker if he traveler's tale, and should hereafter could not do in his way and according have referred to the canal as the to his lights the mighty works old Joe Cannon has wrought? A speaker

The New York Sun reports that the Cudahys will make up. But who will make up Lillis?

No women have applied as yet to who wanted a companion who would the proposed Columbus University, Mrs. aspire to reach with him "the highest Even the Kansas City women shy at that.

A New York butcher has been fined for selling diseased meat in New York, but he paid his fine without a murmur and cleared, we estimate, about \$340 on the cow.

Thornton Jenkins Hains is going on

Daily Queries and Answers

Address all communications for this column to Query Editor, Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers' names will be given.

A Letter Wasted.

Please give me the letter of Captain Kernes, Twenty-second Virginia Regiment, Wharton's for Horton's) Brigade, written in behalf of an old Confederate who will be very grateful for the information.

If you will tell us where this letter originally appeared we will be glad to send you a copy of it. If you do not know where it was printed, and will tell us what it was about we will tell us what it was about we will tell us what it was about we will

tell us what it was about make an effort to locate it.

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Southern Pensions.

Please tell me where I can address a letter in reference to pensions for Southern soldiers during the Civil War.

There is no general pension fund for Confederate veterans, but most of the Southern States make some effort to care for their own veterans. If you served in a Virginia command, you should address Pansion Clerk, Auditor's Office, State Library, Richmond, Va.

"O Sailor, Come Ashore," Efe.

Please publish the following poems in your columns: "O Sallor, Come Ashore," "A Sea Song" and "The Coral Grove." These poems are referred to in Emmerson and Bender's grammar, in Emmerson and Bender's grammar, which is used by many teachers throughout the State, and by publishing them you will doubtless confer a favor upon many to whom they are inaccessible.

We would be glad to print these poems if we could give them the space, especially as they may be useful to the school teachers of 'he State. We find, however, that they would require more than a column of space, Consequently we must refer you to the State Librarian.

1. To what funds does the capitation tax go and for what is it disbursed?
2. Does any of the capitation tax go to the public high school fund? If so what par cont 2 m.

goes to the public schools and 50 cents goes to the treasury of the county or city in which the tax is collected.

2. Yes, though the percentage can-not now be estimated.
3. For information on this subject, address Hon. J. D. Eggleston, Super-intendent of Public Instruction, Rich-mond, Va.

A Turtie and a Chicken.

How long will a turtie's head live after being severed from its body? Some of my friends doubt an instance which I can vouch for. In Dinwiddle county several years ago, I cut the head from a turtie. About six hours later I noticed a small chicken fluttering about and making much noise as if in pain. Upon investigating the case, I found that the dismembered turtle's head had the chicken's foot tightly clasped in its mouth, which I had to prize open with a stick in order to Iree the fowl. Will you not come to my rescule?

Dinwiddle, Va.

It is hardly concelvable that a tur-

It is hardly conceivable that a turtle's head severed from the body to have made any conscious effort to catch a chicken's foot. The muscles must have contracted after the death of the turile, and must, in some way, have caught the chicken's foot.

The Date of Easter.

How is the day of Easter determined? SUBSCRIBER.
The date of Easter is determined by the old Jewish calendar, and not according to our modern calendar.

I understand there is a place in South America where tuberculosis cannot live. Will you tell me if it is correct, for the benefit of one afflicted?

We have never heard of any such place. Frequent and exaggerated claims have been made for some resort in a tropical climate which may probably be the place you have in mind. Tuberculosis can be cured, if taken early, in your own State. Write the State Department of Health, 1110 Canitio Street Rephracial Value. what per cent.?

3. Is the fund that the State appropriates to district high schools apportioned according to the number of high school scholars?

L.J.C.

1. One dollar of the capitation tax

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ROMANCE IN LIFE OF COMTE DE CHAMOARD

A MARQUISE DE FONTENOY, assist in rendering it a success, expression of the control of the contr

Gerard was summoned to attend her. This doctor, who after the overthrow of the empire became Mayor of Beauvais, and whose statue figures on the market place of that ancient town. fell in love with his fair patient and married her, with the consent of the count, who richly dowered her.

The intimate relations between the count and his adopted daughter continued after her marriage until her death, in 1880, and, although her husband made no professions of being a Royalist, but who, like his father before him, a loyal Republican, yet he, too, remained on the friendliest terms with the count, active correspondence being alternated with occasional visits to Frohsdorf, until the death of the count.

Few outside the former coterie at Frohsdorf are acquainted with this strange romance in the life of the Comte de Chambord, of which evidence exists in the voluminous correspondence exchanged, first of all between De Chambord and his adopted daughter, and after her death, with her husband.

ger, and after her death, with her husband.

Emperor Nicholas, who during the past winter has been seen almost every day driving about the streets of St. Petersburg, without any escort, it or walking with one of his officers along the Nova Quay, even entering the shops to buy bonbons for his little girls, and whose carriage was almost run down the other day by a street car, without the driver of the latter being even arrested, has just received an extraordinary petition through the new Minister of Commerce.

Some time ago a syndicate of about 130 of the greatest captains of industry of Russian organized a floating exhibition of Russian produce and manufactures, chartering for the purpose the largest liner of the Russian Company of Steam Navigation, namely, the Emperor Nicholas II. The exhibition, starting from Odessa, visited the Buggrian, Turkish, Greek and Egyptian ports with great success, but where it achieved the most brilliant results was at Salonica. Now the latter may be described as the head-duarters of Jewish trade in the Ottoman Empire. Of a nopulation of 122,000, close upon 80,000 are Jews, who have monopolized for the past five centuries nine-tenths of the trade of Macedonia and, indeed, of all the European provinces of Turkey, It was feared at one moment that the Jews of Salonica, by reason of the treatment of their coreligionists in Russia, would decline to accord any attention to the floating exhibition, which was in charge of Prince Amatouny, as commissioner-general, and of Privy Councilor Moltohanow, representing the Minister of Commerce. But instead of this the welcome which the exhibition received at Salonica was more cordait and more brilliant than anywhere else. The leading Jewish paner at Salonica, the Rosain up to the Proposal urged the Heading at Salonica was more cordain and more brilliant than anywhere else. The leading Jewish paner at Salonica, the Rosain up to the Proposal urged the Heading Sewish paner at Salonica, the Rosain up to the Proposal urged the Heading Sewish paner at Sal

Voice of the People

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A Defense of Reformers, r of The Times-Dispatch:

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—The opinions expressed by
"Judge" W.O. Howard, of the New York
Supreme bench, as printed in your paper
of this date, merit attention, as they
represent the views of a certain section of the public, and may influence
the opinions of others, not really belonging to that section.

"Judge" Howard denounces "professional reformers" as being "vapid, sapless, spineless, chinless and sexless;
sprung from no race and owned by no
race." This outbreak occurred at a
St. Patrick's Davy dinner, and in the
same breats the "Judge" called the investigations of bribery in the New
York Legislature "humburgery." that
should have been passed over with an
application of 50 cents' worth or
whitewash. The "Judge" is a Republican officeholder.

If the term "professional reformer"
means anything it means those men
and women who spend practically all
their time in reform work, and of necessity get their living—usually a
meagre one—out of this work. In
this class are Miss Jane Addams, of
the Hull House, Chicago; Jere McCauley, of the Bowery Mission, New York
City, all the Salvation Army workers,
and many others whose names are an
honor to their country and a glory to
their Maker. Necessarily some of the
officers of the Anti-Saloon League and
allied reform movements get their
scanty livings out of funds contributed
to their work as a whole. The writer
of this considers himself fortunate in
never having had to depend upon any
of the funds contributed to these mobile
causes for any part of his living, and
he thus probably is not included in the
list of "professional reformers," but
he resents no less for the Former, led
beside the still waters and through
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